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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Network for Instructional TV, Inc.
Notice of Ex Parte Contact
OET Docket #00-258**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Network for Instructional TV, Inc., ("NITV") hereby notifies the FCC that it has met with those FCC Staff and Commissioners listed on the attachment, on March 12 and March 13, 2001.

In these meetings, NITV urged that Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS") spectrum be removed from consideration for possible reallocation. NITV questioned whether 160 MHz of spectrum is needed to support introduction of mobile services. Assuming the need for that much spectrum, NITV suggested that this goal could be met without reallocation of ITFS or MDS spectrum.

NITV also described how critical technical and other support is from commercial operators utilizing excess ITFS capacity and how if ITFS was separated from that support, ITFS utilization would likely cease and commercial operations would no longer be viable. NITV also pointed out that commercial operators utilizing ITFS and MDS spectrum not only offer competition to incumbent providers, but offer the opportunity for educators to reach the unserved.

NITV concluded its presentation by urging the FCC to act quickly in removing ITFS from consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Rini
Counsel to NITV

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Attachment

March 12, 2001

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